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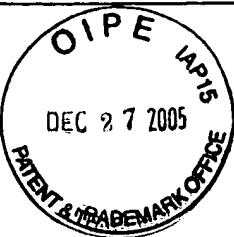
In re Application of

Ina LEMANOWICZ et al.

Serial No.: 10/501,248

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For: Submerged Nozzle for a Metallurgic Container
Placed Upstream from a Casting Device



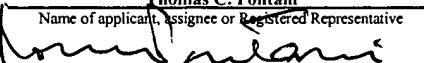
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AMENDMENT

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PETITION

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of the original shortened statutory response period set in the Office Action dated August 23, 2005. A check in the amount of \$120 in payment of the government fee for a one-month extension of time is enclosed herewith so that the period for response is extended to December 23, 2005. Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the present application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2005, amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the list of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper, and include one attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.